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The primary weapon, beyond the established, effective desktop monopoly, is data lock-in. Microsoft keeps data jailed and keeps changing the locks to perpetuate the protection by extortion. A remedy should address this problem directly. Making it an easier matter for any customer to take their data out of the Microsoft jail would promote competition without placing Microsoft under strict, long-term control of a government committee. The lock that allows illegal leveraging of the monopoly is the secrecy and continuous morphing of file formats and APIs. People should not be forced to purchase MS products in order to communicate with other people and businesses!

I believe the current settlement is totally ineffective in curtailing MS's behavior. It is less than a "slap on the wrist", so to speak.

Thank you for your time and vigilance,
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